

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 12, amend the paragraph beginning on line 10 to read as follows:

Transfer means 11 enable the spent heat-carrying solid and the fraction of carbon-containing solid residue not converted into synthesis gas to be transferred from zone Z3 to a combustion zone ~~Z3~~ Z5. Without departing from the framework of the invention, said transfer can also at least partially be effected from zone Z4 to zone Z5.